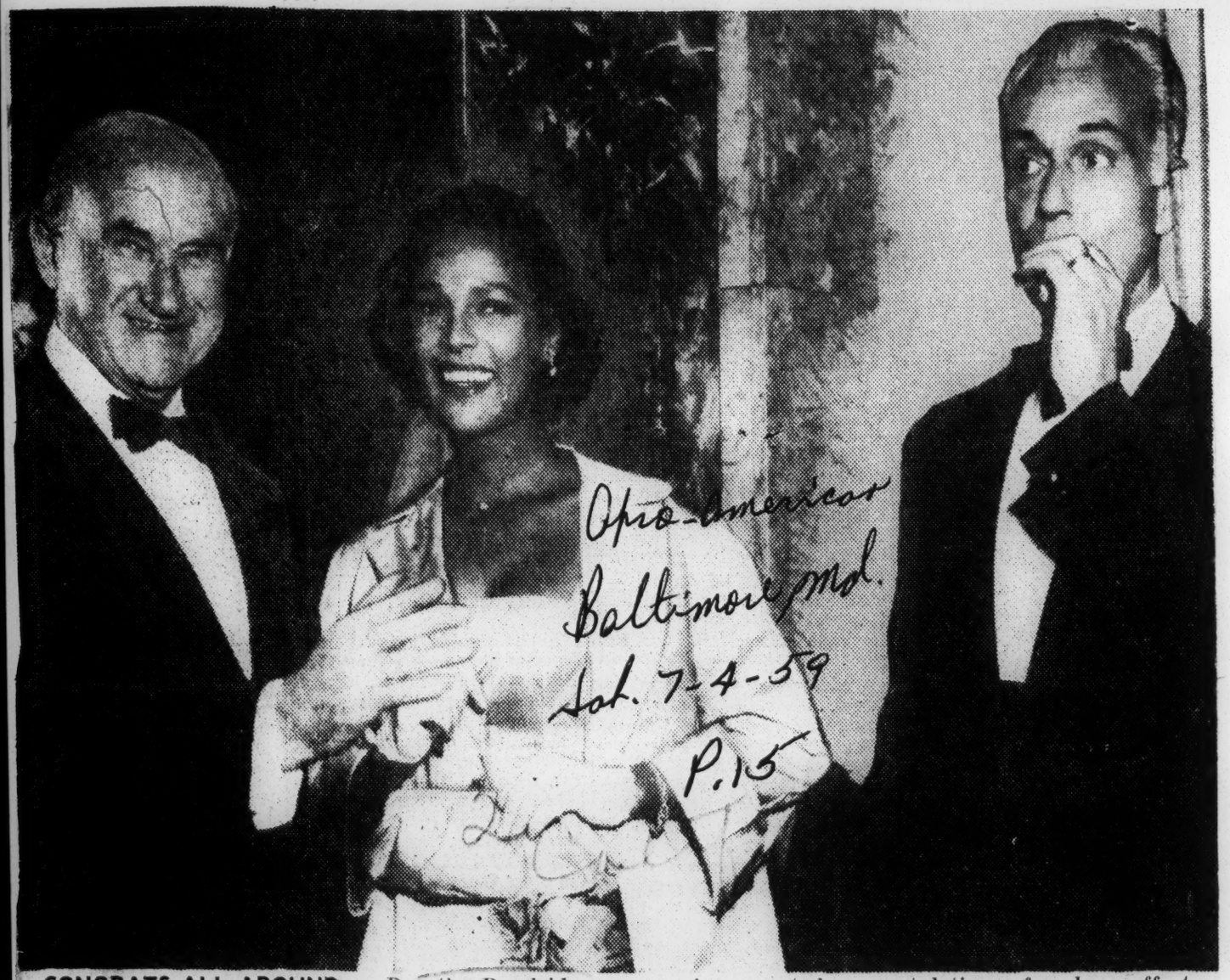

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CONGRATS ALL AROUND — Dorothy Dandridge and hubby Jack Dennison (right) share this gay scene outside New York's Warner Theatre with Samuel Goldwyn (left) producer of the film "Porgy and Bess," which had its world premiere Wednesday night. Dotty, starred as Bess in the movie, accepted congratulations for her effort; Goldwyn received praise for the lavish production, and Dennison took the plaudits of the huge crowd for his luck in snaring the luscious Dandridge as his bride. Pair told friends they'll honeymoon, probably in Europe, after the first of July.

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TAKE WEDDING VOWS. — Screen star Dorothy Dandridge and Beverly Hills supper-club owner Jack Denison pose for the photographers outside the Greek Orthodox Cathedral of St. Sophia where they were married Monday. The couple left on their honeymoon immediately after the ceremony. This is the second marriage for both.—UPI Telephoto.

Billy Daniels, Wife Reconcile

LOS ANGELES — (UPI) — Night club entertainer Billy Daniels and his blonde Canadian wife have reconciled, it was learned.

Mrs. Perrette Daniels had filed for divorce from the singer. However, a hearing on an order to show cause brought against Daniels was taken off the court calendar Thursday and it was learned the couple had decided to call off the divorce.

The marriage is the third for Daniels. He wed the former Perry Cameron, then governess for his children by previous marriages, in Las Vegas in November, 1955.

Billy Daniels' 3rd Mate Seeks Divorce

LOS ANGELES + (UPI) Billy Daniels' third wife filed for divorce Tuesday charging that the singer choked and threatened her.

Mrs. Perrette Daniels, 24, also sought a restraining order to prevent Daniels, 44, from "molesting, annoying or abusing her." She asked reasonable alimony and support for their two children, Andrea, 2½ and Dominique, 7 months.

"That Old Black Magic" singer eloped to Juarez, Mexico, with Perrette, his children's governess in 1955. The beautiful blonde from Montreal is a graduate of McGill university.

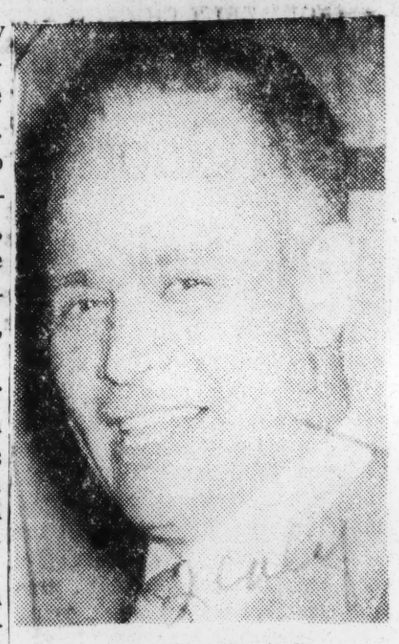
MET ON MONTREAL

She and the cafe artist met when he was filling a singing engagement in Montreal. He had his three children with him at the time and an agency sent her over to take care of his youngsters.

"The children like her and so do I," Daniels said at the time. After the Montreal engagement she went to Hollywood with him and the children. The youngsters, Diane, Billy jr. and Bruce, 10, were the offsprings of Daniels and his first wife, Adrienne who died about 12 and a half years ago.

Daniels who has been in the spotlight sensationally a number of times during his colorful career, made the news in 1950 when he married Martha Braun, a Boston socialite, and a short time later when he was slashed in the face with a razor by Ronnie Quillan, a red-headed Hollywood bit player.

In 1953, the socialite divorced him, blaming women and a few years later Daniels got into the throes of the law because of a shooting scrape in New York City.



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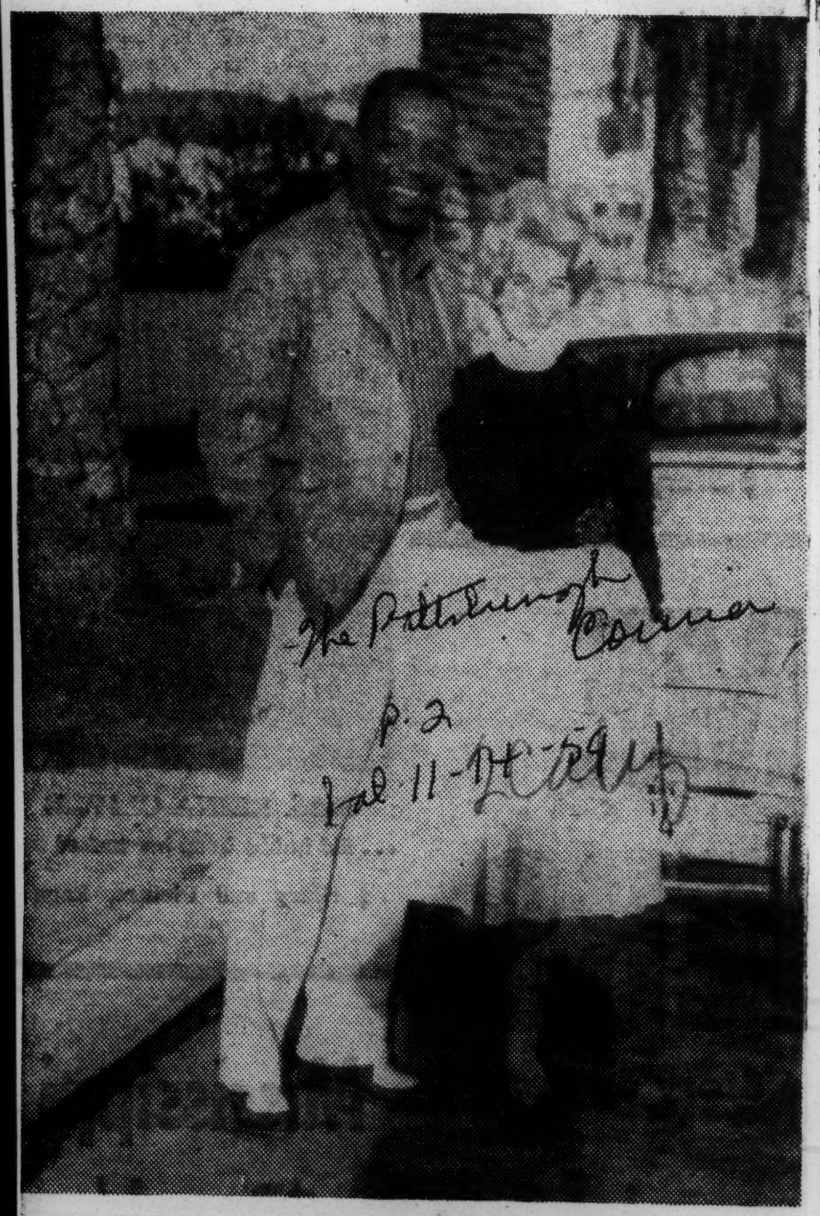
Model Was 'A Prisoner of Love'

'I Want My Clothes, Not His Roses,' Says Blonde



MR. AND MRS. RUDOLPH OLIVER
. . . six dozen roses failed to move her

LOS ANGELES—"I don't want his roses any more . . . I only want my clothes," said a shapely blonde Hollywood model in divorce court charging her brown-skinned husband had threatened her with a gun.

She was surprised when he appeared with a plea for a reconciliation and six dozen roses instead of bullets.

However, model Reina Oliver, 25, spurned his reconciliation efforts and told reporters she just wanted her clothes back and not any posies from her husband, Rudolph Oliver, 34, a dress shop owner, whom she married in 1951.

In her complaint, Mrs. Oliver charged that her husband had made her a prisoner on Aug. 13, 1959. She said she had been held captive for nearly 10 weeks.

SHE CHARGED that when she went to her husband's dress shop at 1560 S. Western Ave. with her attorney to serve the divorce papers, Oliver held a loaded gun to her and forced her to leave by the rear door. He also threatened to kill her if she persisted in getting a divorce, Mrs. Oliver charged.

Oliver, through his attorney, Charles Fielding, said the wife's charges that she had been held a "prisoner of love" were "ridiculous."

Mrs. Oliver said that her husband at first took all of her clothes and left her with only a bath towel. A few days later, however, he brought her a dress and moved her into an apartment near his shop, where he could watch her movements.

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THE PETITE BLONDE, who was escorted by two deputy sheriffs into the courtroom because of her charges of threats, was amazed—as well as Superior Judge Roger Alton Pfaff—when Oliver walked in and tried to present her with six dozen yellow roses.

Judge Pfaff granted Mrs. Oliver's petition for a restraining order against molestation—which both parties agreed to—and Oliver promised to return her clothes. He sent them to Reconciliation Court to see if Dan Cupid's experts could get them back together.

After a 10-minute conference between the couple and the reconciliation experts, Mrs. Oliver emerged and said:

"I don't want his roses any more . . . I only want my clothes!"

Mixed Marriages Win OK From Calif. Solons

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — The Assembly Judiciary Civil Committee quickly and unanimously gave a "do pass" to Assembly Bill No. 7, introduced by Assemblyman Edward Elliott (D.) Los Angeles, at an

• AB No. 7 is a bill to repeal the miscegenation act, which prevents mixed marriages between different races. This law has been declared unconstitutional since 1948 by the California State Supreme Court. The bill also provides for the elimination of racial designation on marriage licenses issued in the state of California.

Appearing to testify for the bill, along with Assemblyman Elliott were Atty. Nathaniel Colley, NAACP legal adviser, and Everett P. Brandon, NAACP field secretary and lobbyist.

Brandon stated that this marks the second bill of the NAACP California legislative program to come out of committee, FEPC being the first. This bill failed in the Senate two years ago, but it is anticipated that it will pass in the Assembly without much difficulty.

To White Nightclub Owner

Dorothy Dandridge Awaits Marriage

HOLLYWOOD—Beautiful Dorothy Dandridge, 35, star of stage and screen, has announced her engagement to Jack Denison, 45, white owner of a Sunset Strip night spot and partner of Sammy Davis Jr. in the nightery.

Miss Dandridge, star of the forthcoming musical film, "Porgy and Bess," met Denison while she was singing in a Las Vegas hotel where he managed the dining room.

THE SCREEN STAR, who won an Oscar nomination for her acting in "Carmen Jones" in 1954, made the announcement before departing for London where she will make another film.

Miss Dandridge said the wedding date will be June 30 but the site has not been set.

She was formerly married to dancer Harold Nicholas of the famed Nicholas Brothers, whom she divorced in 1951.

IN LONDON, Miss Dandridge will work in a film called "Scent of Danger" with British actor Trevor Howard and Richard Basehart.

A former classmate of Marilyn Monroe at a drama school here, Miss Dandridge has become one of the top night club and stage attractions in America, in addition to her film roles.

DOROTHY DANDRIDGE

Ban Removed On Interracial Marriages

SACRAMENTO, April 22—Governor Brown yesterday signed a bill deleting a state ban against interracial marriages which was declared unconstitutional in 1948.

The legislation by Assemblyman Edward E. Elliott (D.) Los Angeles) also removes requirements that race be stated on applications for marriage licenses.

CONGRATULATIONS — Among the more than 2,000 persons attending Palm Vue Motel open house in Los Angeles were Edgar Johnson, left, Golden State Mutual Life Insurance Co. executive, and Norman B. Houston, with owners Sherman W. Smith (right) and his wife, Dr. Helen Gueveur Smith.

$175,000 motel opened on Coast

LOS ANGELES — More than 2,000 persons toured the beautiful Palm Vue Motel on S. Western Ave., at 39th Pl., during open house last Sunday.

Owners of the modern $175,000 structure are Sherman W. Smith, attorney, and his wife Dr. Helen Guenveur Smith. Leo W. Gibbon, retired army major, is resident manager.

The motel has 20 luxuriously furnished, spacious air and sound conditioned units. Each unit has its own television and telephone, modern furniture, huge walk-in closets and wall-to-wall carpeting, among other comforts.

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DR. SMITH said, "following an extensive inspection tour of Pacific Coast motel and hotel facilities, Mr. Smith and I decided to construct a truly modern motel which would provide the utmost in comfort, cleanliness, convenience and courtesy for motorists.

The motel also has a heated swimming pool, patio, individual parking spaces, free ice and maid service.

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DR. SMITH is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. Guenveur of Charleston, S.C. She is a graduate of Xavier University and Meharry Medical College.

Prior to establishing residence in Los Angeles, she practiced denistry in Berkeley from 1947-57. She is now retired.

Mr. Smith, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Smith of Portsmouth, Va. He is a gradute of West Virginia State College and Howard University School of Law.

SINGER SET TO TAKE A WIFE.—Herb Jeffries, who was one of the top singers in the middle '40's, journeyed to Juarez, Mexico, where he obtained a quickie divorce from his first wife, Elizabeth. He is shown above with his fiancee, Tempest Storm, famed striptease dancer. The couple plan to be married but have not set a date.—UPI Telephoto.

Greek Rites Unite Dorothy, Cafe Owner

HOLLYWOOD — (UPI) — Actress Dorothy Dandridge, beauteous film star, and night club owner Jack Denison were married at St. Sophia's Greek Orthodox Cathedral here Monday.

The two picked up their marriage license earlier in the day in Santa Monica.

It was the second marriage for Miss Dandridge, 36, who was divorced in 1950 from Harold Nicholas. She has a daughter, Harolyn, 15.

The 46-year-old Sunset Strip restaurateur, of Greek ancestry, began his career as a waiter at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York. In World War II he won a Navy battle commission.

The two said their honeymoon would be a trip to New York where Miss Dandridge is to attend the premiere of Samuel Goldwyn's producton of "Porgy and Bess."

Miss Dandridge said she met Denison for the first time through friends in Las Vegas four years ago.

Denison, asked whether his wife would be booked to sing at his club, said, "it's entirely up to my partner."

SCREEN STAR Dorothy Dandridge and Beverly Hills supper-club owner Jack Denison stand outside the Greek Orthodox Cathedral of St. Sophia where they were married. Couple left Hollywood immediately after the wedding on their honeymoon. UPI Telephoto

After One Minister Refuses to Marry Couple

Mixed Pair Is Finally Married!

TORONTO, Ont.—A bride and groom were left standing at the altar here because of the race issue.

It took the good offices of the Rev. J. F. McMillan, minister of the First Baptist Church to unite the pair.

Rev. McMillan rectified the situation after the Rev. Kenneth M. McComas, minister of Toronto's Seventh-Day Adventist congregation refused to marry Gloria Woods, 20-year-old secretary, and Alfred Greaves, 26-year-old printing pressman, 45 minutes before the nuptial rites were to begin.

Rev. McMillan's reasons were simple: the bride was white, the groom a Negro from the West Indies.

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AFTER THE WEDDING, Rev. McMillan apologized for the "inconvenience" which his decision had cost the bride, groom and their guests.

As an aftermath the Seventh Day Adventist Church of Canada announced that although it does not bar marriages of "racially mixed" persons, it does "view with concern" such unions.

Before, the Rev. McMillan had been contacted to give his blessings, the Rev. F. W. L. Brailey of the Carmen Memorial United Church on whose premises the Seventh Day Adventists meet, had declined to act on the matter, declaring, "I want the Adventist congregation to feel completely free from interference here. Personally, I have no objections to such mixed marriages."

The Rev. McComas had minced no words about his feelings in the matter. He asserted, "I disapprove of any racial mixture in marriage. cannot conscientiously perform any marriage service without first being fully assured of the readiness and fitness of the principals to enter upon the sacred obligations of marriage.

"I spent some sleepless nights over this matter. It's hard to ask people to take a second look."

NEVERTHELESS, the newlyweds spoke their opinions strongly. They charged that the minister could have told them of his decision earlier than three fourths of an hour before the nuptials.

Quipped the bride, "He was at the rehearsal on Wednesday and he objected then. But he said he saw no political or biblical reason to object to our marriage. It he had told us, we could have asked another minister."

In his defense, the minister claimed that he had reached his decision at 2 P. M. on the wedding date but alleged that he

REV. J. F. McMILLAN

. . . nothing new

could not reach the bride until 6:45 P. M.

By this time Gloria was standing in the church with her matron-of-honor and attired in her white wedding gown.

Also present was the groom, along with fifty guests in the church.

The marriage was consummated despite pressures put on it from the outset. The pair had met at a Seventh Day Adventist College in Lacombe, Alberta, a year and a half ago. They carried on their courtship in secret.

EXPLAINED THE GROOM

"The college officials were quite strict about West Indians and whites mixing." The pair carried on confidences via letters passed through friends. The bride said "We could have sneaked away from the college to meet—but we didn't think it was fair."

The couple became engaged last August and moved here in September. Mr. Greaves said that he had first discussed his plans with the Rev. McComas, three months ago and when the pastor left on a visit to the United States, they went before an elder of the church who gave them "permission to go ahead." The groom added, "But we also had quite a talk with Mr. McComas last Wednesday."

The minister declared that though he had understood Greaves' mother had given the union her blessing that she had told him via a long distance phone call to Victoria, B. C. that she objected, only to consent after the pair insisted on the union.

Gloria's mother had no objections and she displayed **a telegram** of congratulations from her family.

Mr. McComas explained that he had been out of the city for most of the pre-marital period and, "I was not in a position to conduct the usual counseling and inquiry sessions that should precede a marriage service conducted under church auspices." He repeated his regrets over the couple's inconvenience. But noted, that he had never faced the question of mixed marriage before.

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DARREN L. MICHAEL, public relations director of the Seventh Day Adventist Church declared that a minister in his denomination must be accountable only to God. He said that the decision of a pastor was "an individual choice."

The clergyman who performed the wedding ceremony commented, "I've never seen a couple like this . . . so convinced and so happy they were doing the right thing. I have never refused to marry a couple on the basis of color alone, but personally I do not encourage mixed marriages. I would rather see persons choose companions from their own race, but I cannot choose for them. true love is more than skin deep."

On Interracial Mixup

Race No Problem In Marriages, Say Toronto Pastors

TORONTO—Prominent Toronto pastors commented on the recent celebrated interracial marriage mixup as follows:

Rabbi David Monson, Beth Sholom Synagogue: "In my religion, color is of no consequence . . . but both parties have to be of the same religion. In Israel, Jews whose skins are of different colors are married every day."

Rev. Murray Ford, Park Road Baptist Church: "I would rather marry them. Race should not play a part in influencing a minister whether he should marry a couple."

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CANON F. ARTHUR SMITH, Christ Church, Deer Park: "It depends on the people concerned . . . but all my prejudices would be against it. They would have two or three strikes against them before they started. This would be true in any country. But, I would have to judge each case on its merits."

Rev. Glynn Firth, Bathurst United Church: "I married such a couple this fall. But I advised them of the problems society created for such marriage. They had known each other for three years and thought they could cope with these difficulties. In all these cases, it is up to the couple to decide . . . not the minister."

REV ALBIN STANFE.

Savior Lutheran Church: "I would not refuse to marry a couple on racial grounds. I would advise them of the prejudice they would have to face and marry them if they wished it."

Rev. D. G. M. Herron, Calvin Presbyterian Church: "I have never faced the problem, but I would probably only marry such a couple after a period of counseling. Marriages of this sort can bring difficulties for the children later on. The couple might be cut off from friends and find it difficult to find a place in society."

Interracial Marriages Nothing New

TORONTO — Interracial marriages are nothing new to the Rev. J. E. McMillan, central figure in one of this city's most controversial weddings in years.

The Rev. McMillan, pastor of the First Baptist Church here, who at one time lived in Pittsburgh, Pa., U. S. A., has handled 25 weddings in the past 25 months. Of this number, 11 have been of the interracial variety including two white and one Chinese.

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Miss Cook becomes bride of Mr. Walstrom in ceremony

The former Miss Joan Evonne Cook, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cook, became the bride of David Robert Walstrom, son of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Walstrom, of Lake City, Minn., recently in a double ring ceremony at St. Gabriel's Church.

The ceremony was performed by Father Lewis.

A RECEPTION followed the private ceremony at the home of the bride's parents, 3925 Fifth St. NW.

Matron of honor was Mrs. Margaret Simmons, close friend of the bride. Mrs. Simmons' husband, George Simmons, was best man.

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THE BRIDE, a native Washingtonian, and a graduate of Dunbar High School, was attired in a white lace gown, with satin cummerbund and a back sheath of white satin with a huge bow. She wore a white satin hat, gloves and shoes.

Her matron of honor, Mrs. Simmons, was attired in pink.

Mrs. Walstrom is a former Government employee. The bridegroom is a salesman for Commission Electronics.

INTERRACIAL ROMANCE — Mr. and Mrs. David Robert Walstrom who were married recently in Washington. The bride is the former Miss Joan Evonne Cook, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cook. A reception was held at 3925 Fifth St., NW.

MR. AND MRS. GERARD POCHONET leave ancient Vaucresson St. Denixe Catholic Church, in Paris, following their wedding on January 24. The bride, the former Miss Bernice Hollo-man, Baltimore beautician, and the French musician were wed in a high nuptial mass in addition to a civic ceremony.

Beautician weds scion

French groom and bride on honeymoon in Spain

BY CLLIE STEWART

AFRO Staff Correspondent

PARIS — After cutting through French red tape for nearly a month, a popular Baltimore beautician and her fiance were married Saturday (Jan. 24) morning. The wedding originally was scheduled to have taken place on Dec. 27.

The radiant Miss Bernice Holloman and a smiling Gerard Pochonet, French musician and a member of a wealthly family, were married in a civil ceremony at Paris city hall and at a high nupital mass in the ancient Vaucresson St. Denise Catholic Church.

Following the ceremonies, a reception was held in the Paris apartment of Mme. Renee Marcoux, mother of the bridegroom. Following the reception the newlyweds left for Spain where they will honeymoon in Mme. Marcoux's castle.

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IT WAS not learned how long they plan to stay at the castle in Spain in the province of Gerone on the Mediterranean Sea, but it was learned that the Pochonets will fly to Baltimore in April where they will remain for two years.

The groom is not expected to have any difficulty in getting a visa to enter America because of his marriage to an American citizen. The noted jazz musician speaks fluent English.

For her wedding, the bride was dressed in white, wearing a heart-shaped crown on her head, with pearls.

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ATTENDANTS TO the bride and groom were Miss Hazel Scott, pianist and wife of Harlem Congressman A. Clayton Powell Jr., and noted musician Mezz Mezzrow. Other attendants included Bill Coleman and Maria Velasco, both musicians.

Also present at the ceremonies, in addition to numerous American and French personalities, were the groom's parents, Monsieu Pierre Pochonet, millionaire owner of the French National Soccer Association, and Mme. Marcoux, wife of a ship building and oil scion.

The bride has been in France since Christmas Day. She left Baltimore on Christmas Eve via jet airliner for the scheduled wedding on Dec. 27.

All arrangements for the wedding had been made before Miss Holloman left Baltimore. A prewedding breakfast had been scheduled at an estate just outside Paris in the village of Vaucresson.

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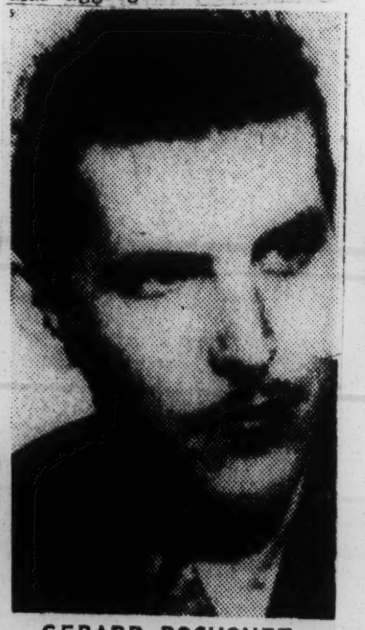
ON ARRIVAL in Paris, however, the marriage had to be delayed due to Miss Holloman's civil papers which were not in order. The wedding was further delayed by sickness and death in the family of the bridegroom.

The newly weds first met in 1957 when Miss Holloman was on vacation in Paris. Since their engagement in early 1957, Miss Holloman crossed the ocean by plane seven times. Her last visit lasted from Labor Day until late in November.

Monsieur Pochonet is a graduate of the University of Paris where he majored in drafting and art, but for a profession, he turned to his drums. An accomplished drummer, his combo is one of the most popular aggregations in France.



GERARD POCHONET

MISS BERNICE HOLLOMAN

BECOMES MOTHER.—Josephine Premise, who became the bride of millionaire-socialite Timothy Fales, in spite of "outside pressure," became the mother of a son in Paris. Young Fales, named Enrico, was born at the famed American hospital in France. Both Enrico and Josephine, a former singer, are doing fine.

Mixed Marriages Urged For Royalty

LONDON, June 11 (UPI)— Lord Altrincham, frequent critic of British tradition, urged the royal family Wednesday to break out of its routine and start living on a "commonwealth scale" that would include marriage with persons from other nations and races.

The 34-year-old peer, who outraged staid Britons by calling Queen Elizabeth a "priggish schoolgirl" 18 months ago, demanded that the Queen stop wasting her time on trivial nonsense and expand her activities to a worldwide level.

The Queen and her family should live "on a multi-racial, on a world scale, on a commonwealth scale," Alttrincham said. He said the Queen must cesae to a resident of England and a mere tourist in other countries of the Commonwealth, which include several territories in Africa and Asia.

On Mixed Marriages

Lord Altrincham, outspoken critic of the royal family, said last week that Queen Elizabeth II should encourage her children to marry people of different color.

He further suggested that the children of the entire British royalty should follow such a practice.

The idea is that this would go far toward unifying the shaky British Empire which is composed of many peoples of varying races and colors.

Mixed marriage by British royalty is neither new nor untried. Two children of the late Queen Victoria married into different Nationalities and, consequently, sat simultaneously on thrones in Russia, and Prussia, while a third offspring ruled in England.

Also, the line of Hanoverian queens of England includes a lady of color Queen Charlotte Sophi, German-born consort of George III.

Church Opposes Mixed Marriage

Presbyterian Group Again Cites Catholic Stand

OBJECTS TO ATTITUDE

ATLANTA, April 28.—(AP)—The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, United States South Tuesday reaffirmed its opposition to marriage between members of that denomination and Roman Catholics.

The more than 500 church commissioners approved a request from the Concord Presbytery in North Carolina asking the church to warn young people against such union.

Protestant Surrender

The Board of Christian Education was asked to reprint and mail to all ministers a pastoral letter on the subject approved by the Assembly in 1946. That letter said the Catholic attitude toward mixed marriages makes impossible a wholesome family religious life and continually requires the Protestant to surrender or compromise his personal convictions

The church concluded its 99th General Assembly after approving a new loan plan for financing new churches. A committee on church extension reported surveys in 62 cities showed 93 states where new churches are needed.

Also approved were recommendations of a committee on Christian relations that churches be urged to co-operate in bringing together small groups of persons with differing points of view and representing different racial and cultural backgrounds for the purpose of discovering Christian solutions to community problems.

War Attitude Study

An overture from the Presbytery of Potomac Washington-Baltimore calling for a committee to study the Christian's attitude in participation in war also was approved. It was broadened on motion of the Rev. Vance Barron of Chapel Hill, N. C., to include a study on measures to prevent modern nuclear war.

Another study authorized was on the Christian attitude toward capital punishment. This was prospered by the Presbytery of Brazos, Houston-Galveston, Texas.

The committee on church extension, answering other overtures, advised there are no geographical boundaries set on building new churches and urged synods and presbyteries to extend their work to the limit of their ability. The Southern branch has churches in 19 states including Maryland, Pennsylvania, Ohio and New Mexico.

Mixed Marriage Is Tough, Aussies Told

Courier

SYDNEY, Australia—Whether interracial couples marry ought to be left for them to decide, said Dr. Gardner Taylor, the first Negro member of the New York City Board of Education, to reporters in Australia.

He added that, in his opinion, people who married across color barriers must be prepared to contend with added strains of marriage.

Dr. Taylor and his wife are on a six-week visit to Australia on an invitation from Australian Baptists.

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• "In my country," Dr. Taylor said in his press conference, "the cruelest and most painful element of the whole color problem has been the traditional denial to the Negro male of his status as head of the family.

• "In the South, the economic barriers against the Negro male have prevented him from providing for his family on a standard equal to that of the white population.

"His wife has had to help by going out to work and, frequently, she has been able to earn more than her husband.

"This has taken away his status as head of the family."

Dr. Taylor continued, "The South had tried, also, to throttle the expression of opinion by the Negro male, and until recently, had been successful."

NEGRO WOMEN, on the other hand, had been given greater latitude, because of traditional southern courtesy and, also, because, unhappily, white men continued to have sexual relationship with Negro women.

• The result was that the Negro male's status was lowered, further.

Dr. Taylor, who is president of the Protestant Council of the City of New York, and pastor of the Concord Baptist Church in Brooklyn, is optimistic about the outcome of racial problems in the United States.

He does not believe that amalgamation is the solution of the problem. He said that in the past 11 years, he has performed about 800 marriages, and only three or four of them has been interracial.

• "Amalgamation of the races by intermarriage would take far too long to be even considered as a solution to the racial problem," he said.

• "Most Negroes, however, share the feeling that the United States is making great moves in dealing with the race problem," declared Dr. Taylor.

"In Louisville, Ky., and San Antonio, Tex., Negroes and whites have been integrated in the schools without trouble, and throughout the rest of the country, we know we have the whole weight of the judiciary behind us.

"The position, progressively, is better. It won't be cleared up tomorrow, but we are well on the road."

Dr. Taylor believes that the greatest disservice done to the whitee South has been done by politicians.

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U.N. Reveals Statistics On Interracial Marriage

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (AP) — In colonies in the Caribbean, interracial marriage among Asians, Africans and Europeans has "become an accepted norm."

Under a 1957 law in Britain's Fiji Islands, Fijians and Indians now "are allowed to drink beer without restriction." They still need permits to drink hard liquor.

"During the past decade a good deal of progress has been achieved in removing the color bar in territories in Africa." In French territories, such discrimination in hotels and restaurants "has virtually disappeared."

These developments are cited in a new report from the United Nations secretariat on race relations in nonself-governing territories.

Under the U.N. charter, countries running such territories are obliged to promote the well being of the inhabitants and to give the U.N. information periodically on conditions. Seven countries now give information on 50 territories.

The report on race relations says that whereas in some territories such relations have improved, in many others different races "have tended to confine social activities to their own kind," and this has made good relations impossible.

The study remarks that passing laws to guarantee all races equal rights to jobs and to the use of public facilities "does not necessarily, by itself, bring about a willing cooperation between different racial groups."

"A large measure of responsibility," it concludes, "still lies with the peoples concerned."

Another report, on population trends in dependent territories, intimates that many of these have "too many children to support." In a typical territory, it says, about 40 per cent of the population consists of children under 15, compared with 20 to 30 per cent in economically advanced countries.

Because of this, it declares, the working population is smaller, the burden of dependents heavier and productivity lower.

The trouble is, says this report, that birth rates are high and going higher and death rates low and going lower.

"Only when the birth rate tends to balance the low declining death rate," it asserts, "will a more satisfactory age structure come into being."

White Prostitutes Consorting With Negro Men Targets Of Drive By Atlanta Police Force

ATLANTA (AP) — The detective bureau began a drive against houses of prostitution Sunday night after officers reported finding two white women with Negro men during a raid.

Detective Sgt. J. E. Helms said he had been informed white prostitutes were catering to Negroes in several houses in a southwest section. They'll be raided next, he said.

Detectives C. J. Strickland and W. K. Perry reported two white women, one Negro woman, and four Negro men were arrested early Saturday.

The detectives quoted one of the white women as admitting she gave birth to a Negro baby a month ago.

The two white women were charged with fornication and prostitution, the Negro woman with being the occupant of a lewd house and the Negro men with soliciting for fornication.

Perry said that if police can "eliminate this sort of thing we will thereby cut down on the rising number of rapes, attempted rapes and assault and battery on white women by Negro men

pleaded guilty to charges of fornication and adultery, soliciting for prostitution and maintaining a lewd house.

Mrs. Ethel Johnson, 48, pleaded guilty to multiple charges of fornication and adultery, soliciting for prostitution and maintaining a lewd house.

Willie McCauley Jr., pleaded guilty to fornication and adultery and soliciting for prostitution. He successfully challenged a charge of maintaining a lewd house.

Detective W. K. Perry testified that Mrs. Barnes told him McCauley "was the father of a child born to her at Grady Hospital."

William Gower, attorney for Mrs. Johnson, a gray-haired and prim appearing woman, told Fulton Criminal Court Judge Charles G. Bruce that following an accident six months ago, a psychiatric examination showed that her sense of values "just deteriorated."

Before passing sentence, Bruce told the women: "I presume you realize you have set yourself up as one of the worst examples of white women in the South."

White Women, Negro Given Morals Term

ATLANTA (AP) — Two white women and a Negro man involved in a prostitution racket catering to Negro clientele pleaded guilty Tuesday to various morals charges and were sentenced to two years each in prison.

Mrs. Myra Jean Barnes, 24,

Mixed couple caught in home, gets 40 days

ATLANTA, Ga. — A mixed couple, both former members of the armed forces, was given 40 days last Thursday after being found in each others company.

The woman was identified as Janell Byrd, the man as Joe D. Maier, blond.

He was arrested in Miss Byrd's apartment. Both were charged with disorderly conduct, and being in a room with a member of the opposite sex. They were given 20 days each.

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MAIER TOLD Alternate Recorders Court Judge Frank Brandon that he hadn't seen Miss Byrd since during the war years in Germany.

He said he ran into her in downtown Atlanta, and went to her house to talk about old times. But he denied that "anything happened."

Nevertheless, the judge slapped them the sentence, after which he declared that he's going to "break this stuff up."

BRIDE OF GERMAN — Opera singer Gloria Davy, 28, shown as she recently arrived from Europe aboard a Royal Dutch Airlines plane, was married Tuesday at Bridgeport, Conn. to Herman Penningsfield Jr., 28, a broker from Dusseldorf, Germany. She was divorced Oct. 30 at Chihuahua, Mexico from Ernest N. Jeantz.

Books Closed On GI's Bias Claim

KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany —(UPI)—The U. S. Army closed the books Thursday on a case in which a Negro GI and his Japanese wife claimed to be victims of racial discrimination.

A spokesman said an investigation had failed to substantiate the charges made by Sergeant Willie Brown, of Detroit, Mich. (No home address available). The case is regarded as closed he said.

Brown complained three months ago to his commanding officer and in a letter to his Congressman, Rep. Patrick McNamara (D.-Mich.) that he and his wife were being barred from the base laundry, snack bar and post exchange for racial reasons.

Officials of the 67th Medical Depot, to which Brown was attached, confirmed the ban had been put into effect but said it was because of "misdemeanors" by Brown. The nature of these "misdemeanors" was never made public, but a spokesman said Brown had had "questionable associations" with young Negro GIs.

The ban was later lifted on orders from the Army's European headquarters in Heidelberg.

Surprise Marriage June 25th

South side society circles were stunned this week when news leaked out that Dag Martin, the voluptous, former model and reputedly ex-girl friend of Dr. N. O. Calloway, president of the Chicago Urban League and head of Medical Associates in Lake Meadows, had married a rich white man.

She was married, the New Crusader learned, on Thursday, June 25, to Marvin Gulke, in a short ceremony in Marriage Court room 226. The judge performing the ceremony was Roney G. Palmer.

Gulke is a handsome six-foot, 210 pound blue-eyed blond of German descent and is 28 years old. He and his bride plan a Mexican honeymoon and will leave on it in August, the Crusader was informed.

Dr. Calloway, has been living the life of a rather gay bachelor, with a number of beautiful young ladies sharing his company, mainly Dag Martin until her surprise marriage started social circles buzzing. None of this has interfered with Dr. Calloway's tremendous contributions to medicine. Miss Martin formerly operated a record corner in a Lake Meadows furniture store. Later, she took over her own shop on East 35th st. facing Lake Meadows.

Dr. Calloway, who has not been available for comment on the surprise marriage, has lately been reported busy showing the sights to various other eyefuls.

Mrs. Gulke says her husband is "everything a woman could want. He has all the attributes that go to make a real man. We fell in love at first sight."

The couple did not reveal where they plan to live beyond saying "we have the right neighborhood and the right kind of apartment already picked out. Under any circumstances, we know we are going to be excitingly happy."

Shunned At School: Seeks Dad

By Adolph J. Slaughter

It was no "imitation of life" that prompted 13-year-old Sherry Dalton to pleafully request "will you help me find my daddy?"

"Daddy," to Sherry, a chubby, oval-eyed seventh grade student who could easily pass for white is Earl Dalton, a fair-skinned Negro who decided three years ago that the problem of "imitating" life was too much for him.

Leaving Sherry and her Caucasian mother, now Mrs. Ruth Lopez, of 2321 S. Kedzie, Dalton gradually submerged into a world where "color" and problems were of little consequence, and is believed to have become an inhabitant of lower South State st., the interracial "Hells Kitchen" of the Southside.

PROBLEM LEGACY

But the unenviable legacy which the tormented Negro father left his blond-haired daughter when he asked her if she "would always go as colored" has produced tension-wrought problems which are difficult for a 13-year-old child to endure, let alone solve.

And yet, Sherry, who replied "yes," to her father's query, now, with an almost placid defiance, said quietly, "I intend to keep my promise."

Called a trouble maker at the Spry Elementary school on the Westside, when she consistently played with Negro children, Sherry eventually had to leave because as she put it, "my teacher insisted I should go as white and the white children would not play or speak to me when I played with the colored children."

It was hardly better when Sherry transferred to St. Mark Lutheran school where there are no Negro children. When her white girlfriends would come to her house and discover she had Negro friends, Sherry said they too, would no longer play with her.

POSES QUERY

This brought another problem to Sherry's mind and she posed the question: "If when I grow up and I have white girl friends and I walk down the street and see my father, if I speak to him, I'll lose my friends. And yet, I would want to speak to my father. What would you do, Mr. Slaughter?"

Explaining to Sherry that I could not, answer that question for her and that since she was already aware of the obvious alternatives — and consequences — she would have to decide for herself. With eyelids flashing, Sherry quickly replied, "I would speak to my father."

Mrs. Lopez who married William Lopez, jr. in 1954, related more of the many difficulties of her family life which have resulted from their living on Kedzie ave., a block south of 22nd st., which has arrogantly been established by the whites as the dividing line between Negroes on the north and whites on the south.

POLICE GUARD

A house two doors away from the Lopez apartment was purchased by Negroes and is now guarded 24 hours a day by a policeman from the Lawndale District station to prevent neighborhood white bigots from carrying out their threats to bomb the home.

Tenants who share other apartments in the Lopez building and who have learned that Sherry is a Negro have decided to use this as an excuse to harass and intimidate the family, Mrs. Lopez stated.

Stating that the community is attempting to organize to force the Negro who purchased the home from the area, Mrs. Lopez related that fires have even been set in her bathroom which is in the hall, outside her apartment.

But it is unquestionably Sherry who at 13, seems to convince you of the magnitude of her problems and those of her family, and also of her own ability to solve them.

Apparently unafraid, the little teenager who says "they won't play with me because I'm mulatto" wants desperately to find her father to tell him that life for her and her mother is not easy, but that she "will always keep her promise."

A Problem Of Color

ROUND-EYED, pretty, Sherry Dalton, at 13, has decided to make the problem of color her own. Sherry, who lives at 2321 S. Kedzie, said she left the Spry elementary school because white teachers and students became angry when she played with colored children. White Friends she made at St. Mark Lutheran school wont come to her house because of her colored friends. But Sherry who looks like she is white and whose mother is white said she promised her Negro father three years ago she would always say she is colored, and said the tot who is torn between two worlds, "I'm going to keep my promise."

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Girl Who Won't Pass Reunited With Dad

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BY ADOLPH J. SLAUGHTER

"My father came to see me!" Excitedly, these were the first words 13-year-old Sherry Dalton, of 2221 S. Kedzie, told the Chicago Defender when she called this week to say that the newspaper had "found her daddy."

Sherry is the fair-skinned daughter of a Negro father and a caucasian mother whose story of being able to "pass for white" (and refusing to) was publicized in the June 20 edition of the Weekend Defender.

Sherry who said she was shunned at school by the white students when she played with Negro children stated her father had left her and her mother after the parents suffered many difficulties which they believed resulted from a mixed marriage.

But Sherry, who had made a promise to her father that "she would always go as colored" had, herself, experienced many unpleasantries both in school and in her community because of the promise made to her father.

Her father is Earl Dalton who now lives on the Southside and is employed in a downtown restaurant.

"He came to see us Saturday night and the first thing I did was run and jump in his arms," Sherry said.

"He didn't stay too long," Sherry added, "but he did promise that he would never be away again as long as he was before."

What's the Answer?

Can Louisiana Prosecute Miscegenation Violators?

Courier Pittsburgh Pa.

BY JOHN E. ROUSSEAU

NEW ORLEANS—The arrest last week of a white woman and a Negro man from an East Jefferson Parish residence on charges of miscegenation has aroused curiosity as to why such cases are not brought to trial, especially if the principals are natives of Plaquemines Parish.

The man in last week's arrest, Anary Paul Dinet, 24, is listed as a native of Buras, La., which is in Plaquemines Parish. The woman, mother of two small children, was identified by state police as Mrs. Gloria Mae Girard Keith, 29.

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Lieut. Vincent Boeier of Troop B, state police, said the pair admitted they had been living together the last 10 months. But the woman, who said she is legally separated from the white father of her two sons, insisted she believed Dinet was Spanish.

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STATE POLICE executed a Plaquemines Parish warrant against Dinet, who was allegedly wanted there in the theft of $70.

Police said when they arrested Dinet from 3656 Cypress St., Jefferson Parish, they found he was living with the white woman and her sons, aged 4 and 6. The children called Dinet "Daddy," state police said.

Dinet reportedly told police the woman knew he was a Negro. Both were booked under Article 79 of the Louisiana Criminal Code which provides:

"Miscegenation is the marraige or habitual cohabitation with knowledge of their differences in race, between a person of the Caucasian or white race and a person of the colored or Negro race. Whoever commits the crime of miscegenation shall be imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for not more than five years."

Since one of the principals in this case is a native of Plaquemines Parish, it remains to be seen if the matter will come to a court trail.

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THERE ARE two schools of thought on the subject of trying miscegenation cases. One is that a conviction in the lower court could eventually lead to the challenging in the U. S. Supreme Court of the state law on miscegenation. A reversal by the highest court, in fact, would nullify the state law and open the way for mixed marriages. An acquittal in the parish court would have the same effect.

The other opinion is that a court trial of persons (described as Negroes in the miscegenation cases) on such a charge would possibly involve many other families in this section of the state.

The St. Bernard Parish grand jury, in March 1955, indicted 16 persons on charges of racial inter-marrying. Most of the persons involved were from Plaquemines Parish.

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THESE CASES have not been brought to trial and would have prescribed in the three-year limit had not a hearing been held on motions to quash the indictment filed by several of the defendants. This hearing was held in 1958, thus the cases will prescribe in 1961 unless further court action is taken.

The motion to quash the indictments, incidentally, charged that Article 79 of the Criminal Code of Louisiana is "unconstitutional, null and void and of no effect for the reason it violates the equal protection clause and the due process clause contained in the 14th Amendment of the United States Constitution."

It is pointed out here that in all of the cases cited, the persons described as "Negroes" are of fair or olive complexion—as are many families classified as white in the Plaquemines Parish area.

Thus, it is advantageous not only to the accused persons, but to their native parish and to the State of Louisiana as a whole, for the prosecutor to allow prescription to put an end to these cases.

When this happens, the "racial purity" of a community is "preserved" and there is no need to challenge the state law prohibiting mixed marriages.

Beautician and bridegroom home from Paris honeymoon

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By ELIZABETH M. OLIVER

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BALTIMORE

A local beautician who was wed to the scion of a wealthy French family in January has returned with her bridegroom to the United States after a 60-day honeymoon in Paris, the Riveria, Rome and Spain.

On Thursday Mrs. Bernice Holloman Pochonet, 1604 W. North Ave., and her husband, Gerard Pochonet, arrived in New York on the luxury liner Liberte from Paris.

They will arrive in Baltimore within the next ten days after a stay in New York with friends.

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MONSIEUR AND Madame Pochonet set sail on April 17 after spending January, February, March and April on a honeymoon which included visits to his mother's estates, villas outside Paris, on the Riveria and in Rome.

Bernice and her Gerard

Reports are that the 33-... old bridegr—m, who is leader of a French jazz band, brought 5,000 jazz recordings along while Mme. Pochonet filled her trunks with latest fashions from both France and Italy.

The January wedding of the couple took place in the 400-year old Vaucresson St. Denise Catholic Church where M. Pochonet's shipbuilding and socially prominent family have been lifelong members.

Attendants at the civil ceremony held at the Paris City Hall were Hazel Scott, internationally famous pianist and Mez Mezzero, famed musician.

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ATTRACTING THE attention of two continents, the reception held at the Vaucresson estate of the bridegroom's mother, Madame Renee Marcoux, who guested more than 500 personalities of stage, screen and the music world as well as those in high social circles.

The former Miss Holloman is a graduate of Douglass High School and well-known as a beautician.

She met M. Pochonet while on a Paris vacation in 1957 and commuted by air liner to visit him there and as guest of his family.

The wedding was at first set for December 26, 1958 but was delayed until January due to technical difficulties in Miss Holloman's religious and civil papers.

She was baptised Catholic in December in Baltimore in preparation for the rites.

Kitty Mueller flies to 'freeze' husband's funds

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BALTIMORE

Mrs. Catherine (Kitty) Mueller, best known in political circles, here, filed a petition in Circuit Court to keep her blond husband and his money in reaching distance, Friday.

The attractive matron says that she fears that John Mueller, to whom she was married in 1955, plans to remove himself and his funds and assets out of the State in order to defeat her rights to receive maintenance and support to which she is entitled.

She says that Mr. Mueller has already moved from their luxurious Windsor Hills apartment, and is now living on Park Avenue.

IN ORDER TO keep him from moving from jurisdiction of the Court her petition asks that he be placed under such bond as to discourage any such action; and if he refuses or fails to give such bail, to put him in jail.

Mrs. Mueller's petition is also filed against the Union Trust Company, where, she says, he has on deposit substantial sums of money.

She warns that if he is allowed to carry out his intentions of withdrawing the money so as to prevent her from receiving support, she will become a public charge. She says that she is unable to work.

THE PETITION, filed by City Councilman Solomon Liss, asks that the Court issue a writ ne exeat regno (to prevent him from leaving this jurisdiction); To enjoin the Union Trust Company from permitting Mr. Mueller to withdraw funds now on deposit in his name.

SUES BLOND MATE — Mrs. Catherine (Kitty) Mueller, 2206 Roslyn Ave., president of the Women's Democratic Guild and a former city teacher, has filed a maintenance and support suit in Circuit Court here against her blond husband, John Mueller, whom she married in 1955. Mrs. Mueller's petition asks the court to issue an order which would keep her husband from removing himself and his funds and assets from the state so as to avoid giving her the support to which she is entitled. Mr. Mueller, identified as a seaman, has until next week to file an answer. Mrs. Mueller told the AFRO her husband is employed by a nationally known oil firm and travels all over the world. He is 59 and she is 39, she said, and added: "He is a fine person. The only difference we have is that he is away too long and too often, so I had to freeze his bank account for my own protection . . . we are not going to divorce . . . I am not going to divorce him . . ."

Millionaire's Daughter Put on Probation

Blonde Told to Quit Her Handless Negro Lover or Face Imprisonment

BOSTON—A provision of pro bation granted a beautiful blond model here was that she ha nothing more to do with handless ex-Cab Calloway drummer David Booker, with whom she was found in a love nest.

• Andrea Bruce, 21, former TV model and a member of one of Cambride's blue blood families, was found guilty, along with Booker, of "lewd and lascivious cohabitation." They were sentenced to one month each, but it was later suspended so both could get treatment for narcotic addiction.

A provision of Miss Bruce's probation was that she would have nothing more to do with Booker.

OFFICER ROBERT Tierney testified that he found the couple living in a Marlboro St. apartment registered as Mr. and Mrs. Miller.

• Atty. George Foley Jr. told the court that Booker, 42, and Miss Bruce wanted to get married, but "society has rebelled against them. Even her own father, a millionaire, practically wants nothing more to do with her," Foley said.

He also argued that Miss Bruce currently is under treatment of a psychiatrist and predicted "great hope for her rehabilitation."

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IN MUNICIPAL COURT Miss Bruce was given a suspended sentence on a bad check charge.

Booker is the last living member of a well-known Roxbury family and rose to prominence as a youthful drummer. He toured with big-name bands until he succumbed to narcoucs.

During World War II he had an accident that caused the loss of both hands.

Miss Bruce was presented to Boston society as a debutante a few years ago.

Mixed Couple Goes to Jail

Blonde: 'I Love Dave'

BOSTON, Mass. — "I love Dave and I'll stand by him no matter what," said the blonde-haired wife of ex-musician David Booker, when the pair was sentenced to prison terms for violating probation.

A Boston judge had placed them on probation after Booker and the former Andrea Bruce, daughter of a wealthy Cambridge socially prominent family, were arrested on a narcotics charge. They were reported to be living together as man and wife and Booker claimed they had been married somewhere in New Jersey.

After the judge suspended their sentences and ordered Miss Bruce, a former TV model, to stay away from Booker, they were arrested in New York when they could not pay a small taxi fare.

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THE 20-YEAR-OLD Miss Bruce wept when the judge sentenced her to an "indeterminate" term in the Framingham Women's Reformatory. Booker, 42, handless as a result of an industrial accident 10 years ago, was sentenced to one year in jail.

Miss Bruce accused her wealthy father as "being at the bottom of this." She told the magistrate that her father had tried to break them up ever since they started going together two years ago.

Her father is Alan Bruce, vice president of the Standard Duplicating Machine Co. of Boston. Miss Bruce, once a student of dramatics and a prize-winning horsewoman at fashionable horse shows, told reporters that she became the mother of Booker's child three and a half months ago and that they placed the child in the Avon Adoption Home in Cambridge.

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BOOKER AND Miss Bruce were arrested in New York on the complaint of a cab driver who said they could not pay the fare after he drove them to several places in a vain attempt to cash a check.

Miss Bruce's mother responded to her daughter's phone call for help with a $20 money order with which Andrea paid the cab fare.

She said she met Booker "a little over two years ago at a junkie's party. I used to take dope, too, but I've kicked the habit now," she said.

Both she and Booker repeated claims that they had been married, but checks of records did not substantiate them.

Booker has a record of 17 arrests in Boston.

"Society has rebelled against them," he said. "Even Miss Bruce's own father, a millionaire, practically wants nothing more to do with her."

Foley argued that Miss Bruce is currently under-going treatment from a psychiatric source and he predicted there is "great hope for her rehabilitation."

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DAVID BOOKER is the last living member of a well known Roxbury family, who as a youth rose to prominence as a drummer.

He traveled and toured with several big name bands until the drug habit became his master. Upon returning home after hospitalization, Booker went to work in a rubber factory.

During the World War II period, he was the victim of an accident that caused him to lose both hands.

Miss Bruce, who was presented to Boston society a few seasons back as a debutante, was formerly a TV model.

Love nest raid traps tv model

By LYDIA T. BROWN

BOSTON, Mass. — Blonde Andrea Bruce, 21, a member of a wealthy Cambridge blue blood family, was arrested here last week with David Booker, 42, ex-drummer of the Cab Calloway band, in a love nest on Marlboro Street, Back Bay.

Both were found guilty in the Municipal Court hearing by Judge Philip Tracey. They were sentenced to one month each for lewd and lascivious cohabitation.

The sentence was later suspended so that both defendents could have treatment for the drug habit.

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SPECIAL OFFICER Robert Tierney testified he found the couple living in a Marlboro Street apartment and registered as Mr. and Mrs. Miller.

In Municipal Court, Miss Bruce was also given a suspended sentence on a bad check charge.

A provision of her probation "was that she have nothing more to do with Booker."

In pleading for mercy for the two defendants, Atty. George Foley Jr. told the court Booker and Miss Bruce want to get married.

Mixed Couple Separated After Parole Violation

By SAMUEL PERRY JR.

BOSTON. — (ANP) — David Booker, 43, self-styled armless musician, and his alleged white wife, Andrea, were separated last week when Judge Francis X. Morrissey of Municipal court sentenced both to prison terms for violating probation.

The judge had placed them on probation after Booker and the former Miss Bruce, member of a wealthy and prominent family of Cambridge, were arrested by detectives on a narcotics charge. They were reportedly living together as common-law man and wife. However, Booker claimed they were married somewhere in New Jersey.

Evidently, he was unable to support his claim, for Judge Morrissey while suspending their sentences, ordered Miss Bruce to stay away from Booker because of his addiction to narcotics.

But, after the judge's admonition, the couple violated probation by going to New York. Booker and Miss Bruce were arrested there when they could not pay a small taxi fare.

Last week Judge Morrissey sentenced Booker to a year in the Deer Island House of Correction, and Andrea, a former TV model, to an "indeterminate" term in the Framingham Women's reformatory.

The 18-year-old Miss Bruce wept convulsively as she heard the sentence.

Judge Morrissey made it clear that race had nothing to do with his ruling. He told Andrea:

"It is no concern to the court—the difference in color—colored man and white woman makes no difference at all. But the court finds you have continued to associate with narcotic users for a long time."

He then upbraided her for "immediately, wilfully, deliberately, and defiantly" disobeying his and her parents' orders, stealing her mother's mink stole, and running off with Booker.

"You have mocked the court and fled to another jurisdiction. The community must be protected," the jurist said.

Booker, who lost both hands in an industrial accident during World War II, received $17,000 compensation for the loss.

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Nevada Repeals Ban On Interracial Rites

CARSON CITY, Nev., March 18 (AP)—Nevada's 98-year-old law against interracial marriages tumbled from the law books yesterday.

Gov. Grant Sawyer signed Senate Bill 19 repealing the law which has banned marriages between persons of different colors since 1861, when Nevada still was a territory.

The law was brought into the news when longshore labor leader Harry Bridges of San Francisco had to take it into court before he was able to marry his Japanese-American fiancee in Reno.

District Judge Taylor Wines last December ruled the law banning marriages of Orientals and Caucasians was unconstitutional and ordered a license issued for Bridges and his bride.

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Mixed Mating Now Legal In Nevada

CARSON CITY, Nev. (AP)— Inter-racial marriages are now legal in Nevada after a 98-year ban dating back to territorial days.

A bill repealing the old statute was signed Tuesday by Gov. Grant Sawyer. The old law was held unconstitutional by Judge Taylor Wines in Reno last December when he granted a marriage license to San Francisco longshore leader Harry Bridges and his Nisei fiancee, Noriko Sawada.

Judge Wines observed that marriage was a right, not a privilege

N. J. Negro Seeks His White Wife Who Fled to Fla.

TAMPA, Fla., May 13 (AP). —A New Jersey Negro came to Tampa today in search of his white wife and three children. They disappeared from the family home at Norwood, N. J. April 25.

Jean A. Brown said his recent offer of a $1,000 reward had brought him word that his wife, Louise, and the children had been living in a Tampa trailer park for twoo weeks.

Mr. Brown, thirty-five, a merchant marine engineer, told the county solicitor (prosecutor) that his wife telephoned her employer last night and said she would not be at work today. Neighbors at the trailer park said they had not seen her since yesterday.

Mr. Brown said he and his wife eloped to Nebraska while the two attended high school at Douglas, Wyo. He said he is convinced his wife left him because "of mental depression built up because of our inter-racial marriage."

The wife and children disappeared on her thirty-fourth birthday, taking one of the family's two cars and about $1,800.

Mr. Brown said, "She could have taken $6,500 that was accessible and she could have taken the other car, a new Cadillac. Instead, she took the 1954 Rambler."

Quits Search For Wife

Seaman traces her to Tampa trailer camp, but she's gone

NORWOOD, N.J. — Jean A. Brown started back to his home here last week after the fruitless search for his blonde wife and three children took him to Tampa, Fla. on a tip that they were there.

In Tampa, he found a trailer containing many of the family possessions but no sign of his wife, his children, his family's "second" car or their dachshund, "Sputnick."

His wife, 34-year-old Louise Brown, took $1,800 with her.

"She could have taken $6,500 that was accessible and she could have taken the other car, a new Cadillac. Instead she took the 1954 Rambler."

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BROWN, WHO describes himself as part colored on his father's side, said his wife disappeared April 25, her 34th birthday. He is 35.

"I'm sure she left because of mental depression built up because of our interracial marriage," he said.

He explained that in their Trenton home they had received threatening telephone calls from persons objecting to their marriage.

A native of Kansas, Mr. Brown moved to Douglas, Wyo. where he met his wife while they were in high school. They eloped to Nebraska when her family opposed their marriage plans.

At one time during their marriage, they were in Florida where they were jailed because of their mixed marriage.

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IN 1948, they moved to Norwood where Mr. Brown is a Merchant Marine engineer. They had no trouble until two years ago when a change in his assignment caused him to be home more than he had formerly.

Then, he said, they started getting anonymous, abusive telephone calls — mostly from women. Mr. Brown said the calls made his wife nervous and unhappy.

Their personal relations were happy, he said, and they had a birthday party planned for his wife on the very day she disappeared. On that day, Mr. Brown came home and found she was gone along with the children, Jimmy, 14; Mary, 10, and Stella, 8.

Mr. Brown offered a $1,000 reward for information which would put him in touch with his wife. He got a call from a woman in Tampa and following her tip, went there and found the trailer.

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HE FOUND that Mrs. Brown had worked for a short time in a restaurant. However, on the night before he arrived there, she telephoned her employer that she would not be back to work, he learned.

Neighbors at the trailer park said they had not seen her since the previous day

Mr. Brown returned home still hopeful of seeing his wife. "I am convinced," he said, "that there can be a reconciliation if I can find my wife and talk to her."

JEAN BROWN (right), a Negro maritime engineer of Norwood, N. J., has posted a reward of $1,000 for information concerning the whereabouts of his white wife and their three children. The family, which formerly lived in Florida, is shown here in an earlier photo, taken before Mrs. Brown left home two weeks ago because of what Brown termed "threatening and slanderous telephone calls because of our mixed marriage." The children are Jimmy, 14; Stella, 4, and Mary 10.

Seeks Missing White Wife, Kids

NORWOOD, N. J. — (UPI) — A 35-year-old Negro engineer offered a $1,000 reward Sunday for information on the whereabouts of his white wife who vanished two weeks ago with their three children.

Jean A. Brown, an engineer with the Merchant Marine, said he believed his wife left home because of "threatening and slanderous telephone calls because of our mixed marriage."

He said he found his brunette wife, Louise, 34, and their children, Jimmy, 14, Mary 10, and Stella, 4, gone when he came home on April 23. He said she apparently had left in their car, taking $1,500 to $1,800 in cash, clothing and other belongings. He said they also had taken the family dog, "Sputnik," a Dachshund.

ABUSE FROM A WOMAN

Brown, who offered the reward in a New York newspaper (The Times), said that they had moved here in 1948, but he had been away at sea with the Merchant Marine most of the time until two years ago, when his duties changed and he spent more time at home.

"That's when the telephone calls began," he said. "Maybe until then the people didn't connect me with my family."

He said the calls were "mostly from a woman" and abused the family because "I'm part colored, on my father's side, and my wife is a white woman."

He said he reported his family missing to police two days after their disappearance. He said there were no signs of a disturbance in their six-room house, and he did not believe that they had been physically forced from the house.

A happy family but one that for several years has been harassed by phone calls at all hours of the day and night. "Sometimes as many as 60 a month," said Brown.

"My wife would answer the t home also.

Mrs. Billings telephoned police fter the call and when police arived they found Eller in the living oom of the woman's house.

Officers said Eller orally admitted on the spot that the had come o the woman's home for the purose of having "relations" with er.

Detectives said Mrs. Billings told them Eller entered her home, asked "was she ready." tore her clothes from her body and then began "trying to kiss her."

Eller was booked at City Jail on charges of suspicion of assault and battery and was later released on bond.

WHITE WIFE AND CHILDREN FLEE FROM NEGRO HUSBAND

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Drummer, blonde bride are accused

NEW YORK — A former name-band musician and his blonde wife of two weeks, the daughter of a Cambridge, Mass millionaire, went to jail overnight Tuesday on a disorderly conduct charge stemming from their inability to pay a $5.85 taxicab bill.

The couple, who said that they were married two weeks ago in spite of objections of the bride's parents, were identified by police as David Booker, 42, one-time drummer with Cab Calloway's band, and the former Miss Andrea Bruce, 21, of Cambridge.

Magistrate Kenneth M. Phipps ordered them held in jail overnight for inability to post $1,000 bail each on a disorderly conduct charge which was lodged against them after they were unable to pay taxi driver Michael Ferraro a $5.85 taxi bill.

Ferraro said they ran up the bill driving about town in an unsuccessful effort to cash a $65 check.

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TUESDAY'S ARREST was the second for the couple in less than a month. Three weeks ago they were arrested in what was described as a "love nest" on Marlboro Street, Back Bay, Boston.

Both were found guilty in Boston Municipal Court for "lewd and lascivious cohabitation" and sentenced to one month in jail by Judge Phillip Tracey.

The arresting officer testified that he found the couple living in the apartment where they had registered as Mr. and Mrs. Miller.

Miss Bruce was also convicted on a bad check charge.

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THE SENTENCES of the two defendants were suspended on a plea for mercy by their attorney, George Foley Jr., who told the court that "society had rebelled" against them and that even Miss Bruce's father, a millionaire, "practically wants nothing more to do with her."

A condition of the suspension of the sentences was that both receive medical attention for drug addiction and that she "have nothing more to do with Booker."

The couple left Boston and said that they were married shortly afterward.

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BOOKER, the last living member of a well-known Roxbury family, rose to prominence as a drummer in his youth and traveled with several big-name bands until he reportedly became a victim of the drug habit. After hospitalization and treatment, he returned home and began working in a rubber factory.

During the World War II period he lost both hands in an accident. Miss Bruce, who was presented to Boston society several seasons ago, is a former TV model.

White Wife, 3 Children Leave Part-Negro Mate

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A happy family but one that for several years has been harassed by phone calls at all hours of the day and night, "Sometimes as many as 60 a month," said Brown.

"My wife would answer the phone and some one would say something slanderous about 'that nigger husband of yours' and hang up. We tried but couldn't trace the calls."

Two weeks ago last Saturday Mrs. Brown disappeared with their children, James, 14, Louise, 10 and Stella, 3. She went in the Brown's small car, leaving their new sedan behind.

Also gone was $4,800 from the family savings account. "We were saving the money to buy an inn in Mexico City."

Their last day together had been a happy one, Brown said. It was April 24. The next day was Mrs. Brown's 34th birthday. Brown and the children had baked her a cake.

"We'd lived here about 11 years. We'd gotten along fine. My wife was president of the women's society in the church and several months ago I was asked to be the town's scoutmaster.

"The calls began about two years ago. It was after I got shore duty and was home more often," said Brown, a chief engineer in the Maritime Service.

TELL DECISION TO MOVE

Brown had decided to move to Mexico City to "get away from prejudice." His wife had been taking a course in hotel management to help when they bought their inn.

Brown is listed on his birth certificate as white. "But there is some Negro blood several generations back in my family. It has not shown up in any others in my family but it's pretty strong in me.

"In Europe they take me for an Indian and in India they think I'm a Spaniard."

Police have issued a 13-state alarm and Brown has hired a private detective and offered a $1,000 reward. He has checked his wife's family in Douglas, Wyoming, where the Browns were high school sweethearts. They haven't heard from her.

Former Orleanian Becomes Bride In Traditional Jewish Rites

CHATS WITH MOTHER—The newlywed Frederick Aronoritzes chat with her mother, Mrs. Doris T. Wasson, former society editor of the Louisiana edition of The Courier, and now a Federal employe in Philadelphia, Pa.

NEW ORLEANS — The recent marriage in New York City of the former Miss Marceline Marlessia Dobaldson to Frederick Aronowitz has been announced by her mother, Mrs. Doris Wasson, a former Orleanian and former women's news editor for the Louisiana edition of the Courier.

She now resides in Philadelphia, Pa., where she is employed at a Government installation.

The new bride is the granddaughter of Mrs. Marceline B. Taylor of 1667 North Roman here. Her maternal grandfather is O. C. W. Taylor, prominent Louisiana educator, news commentator, public relations figure and Prince Hall Masonic leader.

At the present time Mrs. Aronowitz is studying toward a Bachelor of Arts degree at New York University. She formerly attended Dillard University. The bridegroom is a candidate for a doctorate in physics, as well as an instructor at New York University.

The beautiful and awe-inspiring marriage ceremony in the Jewish tradition was performed by the Rabbi Dr. Chaim Rabinowitz of the Congregation Knesset Israel. It was he who tutored and guided the bride in her conversion to Judaism.

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The bride was gowned in a pale yellow lace and tulle creation which was desigend by her grandmother, Mrs. Taylor. Its yards and yards of Chantilly lace ended in a beaded chapel train. The bride's tiara was covered with pale yellow bridal illusion veiling which matched her dress. She carried a bouquet of white roses and orchids.

Her attendants were Miss Aphrodite Dimitriou of Athens, Greece, and Miss Paula Aronowitz, sister of the bridegroom. They wore yellow lace dresses designed by the bride's grandmother and given to them by the bride as a token of her appreciation.

Other attendants were Howard Negrin of New York and Jed Aronowitz, brother of the groom. The ceremony and reception were held at the home of Miss Lucille Bastien, 50 Central Park West, New York City. Before the ceremony, and while the guests gathered, there was an informal reception. Following the wedding, the traditional reception was held.

Among the Orleanians present were Dr. and Mrs. John Hayes and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lepine. The newlyweds are now residing in the Vanderveer Estates in Brooklyn, N. Y., where they are at home to their many friends.

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Negro widow has to fight for body of white mate

CLEVELAND, Ohio, — A Negro woman has been forced to secure the service of a lawyer in order to gain custody and control of the body of her dead white husband.

The relatives of the husband of Mrs. Patsie Materazzo sought first to disclaim her marriage and, second, to prevent the body of Marco Materazzo from being sent to the House of Wills, a Negro mortuary.

Materazzo died of a heart attack in his home.

The Cuyahoga County Coroner refused to release the body to Mrs. Materazzo until her attorney produced Probate Court records proving that they were married.

Then Rocco Consollo, Materazzo's stepson by a previous marriage, sought to have the body sent to an Italian mortuary. The widow refused to yield and services were held at the colored mortuary. A Catholic priest refused to read the last rites of the Church.

EXCOMMUNICATED

Where Materazzo was to be buried posed another problem. Although he had purchased a plot in a Catholic cemetery, his priest refused to issue a buriel permit, stating that Materazzo had been ex-communicated from the Church when he was married by a non-Catholic clergyman.

Monsignor Trivisonno, of the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland, told the Cleveland Call and Post, "We have looked into Mr. Materazzo's case and find that he has not attended a Catholic church in 15 years. Also, he was ex-communicated from the Church. Therefore he cannot be buried in a Catholic cemetery."

The Monsignor insisted, "We have persons of all races buried in Calvary, and certainly the race of Mr. Materazzo's wife has nothing to do with this situation."

The colored funeral director thinks otherwise. Wills said that "from the very beginning" there were "overtones" in the Materazzo funeral arrangements that almost always occur with the death of one of an interracial family.

"The 'white side' of the family wants a white mortician, but the 'colored side' usually insists on Negro professional services."

Finally the Wills company secured a plot in another cemetery and Materazzo was buried there.

The stepson did not attend the service.

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Musician Weds $100,000 Yearly White Heiress

NEW YORK—An engagement that jazz pianist Phineas Newborn and his trio played at an exclusive Oklahoma City (Okla.) country club a month ago culminated in a marriage for his drummer, Kenny Dennis, who wed Jean McNiff, white heiress with a $100,000 yearly income.

United in holy matrimony at Philadelphia's High St. Baptist Church by the Rev. Horace Sheppard, exactly a month after their glances first met when he was seated on the bandstand at the Shangri-La Country Club and she was a member of the social group that booked the band for the two-week engagement, the newlyweds confessed that "love hit them at first sight like a bolt of lightning." Currently appearing at Birdland on Broadway here, Dennis said his present plans are to continue playing with Newborn for awhile, then he plans on taking a trip to Europe for a honeymoon and return to enter Julliard Music School.

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LIVING in a suite at a midtown hotel, Mrs. Dennis said that race and color never entered her mind when she chose her mate. She said that in Albuquerque, New Mexico, where she was born 23 years ago, she had attended mixed schools.

Her fortune comes from the Petroleum Speciality Co., founded by her late father, William Crall, an oilman who invented the parafin scraper, a device used in the oil business. The firm's headquarters are in Pampa, Tex., and has 11 plants throughout the Midwest.

When they met she had a $65,000 home in Oklahome City that has a swimming pool and a couple of servants. She said that she plans putting it up for sale.

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A FORMER GI, the groom during his musical career has played with Earl Bostic, Jackie Davis, Miles Davis and Erroll Garner's outfits. His mother, Mrs. Helen Swilley, lives in Philadelphia. His brother, Ronald Gilliam, a science genius, won the National Scientific Award in Virginia last year, and works at Langley Air Force Base.

From other sources, it was learned that Mrs. Dennis mother, who has remarried and lives in Houston, Tex., was "upset" when she learned her daughter had wed a Negro musician. His gift to her for a wedding present was a '59 Cadillac.

Drummer Is Wed—Kenny Dennis, drummer with Phineas Newborn's Trio, smiles as he helps his bride, the former Jean McNiff, a wealthy Oklahoma oil heiress, cut the wedding cake at a reception in New York at Sugar Ray Robinson's tavern following their surprise marriage in Philadelphia, a month after they first met in Oklahoma City when he was appearing at a night club there. Mrs. Dennis' yearly income is estimated to be over $100,000.—Berk Costello Photo.

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Jeffries Divorced, Will Marry A White

EL PASO, Tex. (AP) — Singer Herb Jeffries has been awarded a divorce in Juarez, Mexico, clearing the way for him to marry dancer Tempest Storm.

Jeffries is a Negro. Miss Storm is white.

Jeffries, 44, filed petition for divorce Wednesday from his wife, Elizabeth A. Ball. Jeffries was awarded the custody of the couple's two children. The singer and Miss Storm have set no date for the wedding. He returned to Hollywood Thursday.

ENCOURAGING LETTERS from AFRO readers in [illegible], Maryland, Pennsylvania and other East Coast cities have been received by Mrs. Florence [illegible]an, 203 N. 36th St., Richmond, since the story of her fight appeared in this newspaper last week. Almost all the letters urge her not to bow to the will of a white social worker in the Richmond Department of Public Welfare who suggested that seven-month-old David Alexander Rowe, right, be taken from the Foreman home and placed with "light-skinned colored people" because he will wonder when he gets older why he is so light and other members of the family are not. The infant is the love baby of a 14-year-old relative of Mrs. Foreman's.

White Man, Negro Wife Face Charge in Virginia

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NORFOLK, Va., Nov. 7 (AP). —A white man and his Negro wife were ordered held for Corporation Court grand jury yesterday on charges of violating the State miscegeneration law, despite their offer to sell their home and return to New York.

William George Makres and Armentria Makres were charged specifically under section 20-58 of the State code which prohibits a white person and a colored person from leaving the State for the purpose of getting married and then returning to Virginia to live.

At a hearing in Police Court yesterday, their attorney, W. L. Devany, gave Judge L. S. Richardson a history of the case.

Mr. Devany said that about eight or 10 years ago the couple was living in New York and that they came to Norfolk to live as common law man and wife. They bought a home, were arrested on a charge of lewd and lascivious conduct, fined $50 and warned not to live together again.

Mr. Devany said Mr. Makres returned to New York about a year ago, got a job and sent for his wife. While they were in New York they were married and later returned to Norfolk.

They were arrested November 3 at their home and charged with the State violation and also a charge of lewd and lascivious conduct.

Mr. Devany said the Makres would sell their home and return to New York if the felony charge is dismissed. Judge Richardson, however, ordered them held for the grand jury on the miscegenation charge, a felony, and continued the misdemeanor case to December 8 in his court.

Mixed couple offer to flee

The Afro-American Md.

NORFOLK, Va. (ANP) — A man and wife, who face a barrage of court suits because of their interracial marriage, are willing to flee to New York if legal action pending against them is dropped.

The couple, Mr. and Mrs. George Markis, married in New York state, are being charged with evading the Virginia ban on interracial marriages by going through the New York ceremony and returning here to live together as man and wife.

Officials also charge that the two lived together here without their New York ceremony. For this, they were charged with "lascivious cohabitation" and fined $50 each. Still pending is another charge of miscegenation.

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IN ADDITION, Mrs. Markis, who is colored, is accused of committing bigamy when she married Markis. Officials claim she was married to Ernest D. Sampson when she went through the ceremony with Markis.

One of the cases is scheduled to be heard in corporation court in January. Their attorney, W. L. Devany, said the couple is willing to sell their home and move to New York if charges against them are dropped.

Man And Wife For 10 Years Arrested For Living In Virginia

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NORFOLK, Va. — (UPI) — Sixty-year-old William George Makres and his Negro wife, who have lived together for 10 years, were ordered Friday to face a grand jury on charges of interracial marriage.

Makres and his wife, Armentria, 40, said they were wed in New York city a year ago since Virginia law forbids such marriages.

They were charged under a Virginia law prohibiting whites and Negroes from leaving the state to marry and returning to live.

Police said they arrested the couple when their Negro neighbors complained of the arrangement. Police Court Judge Llewellyn Richardson ordered they be brought before a grand jury on the marriage charge and continued another charge of lewd and lascivious conduct.

Mr. and Mrs. Makres said they lived together in New York for about 10 years before moving here. A year ago, they said, they returned to New York, got married and came back to Norfolk.

They were released on $1,000 bond each.

Aunt gets 'too light' baby in Va.

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By RUTH JENKINS

RICHMOND — 'It was prayer and trust in God that did it. I myself prayed constantly, and so many other kind people prayed for us, too. So little David is home with us for good. Our prayers were answered through faith.'

This was the thankful expression Tuesday of Mrs. Florence Foreman as a Richmond court granted her complete custody of her 9-month-old nephew, David Alexander Rowe.

David's custody was a court matter because of the circumstances of his birth. His father is white, and his mother, Mrs. Foreman's 14-year-old niece, is confined to a home for wayward girls.

David being therefore a ward of the city welfare department, the question was raised as to whether he should remain with his mother's relatives or because of his own light complexion, be placed with a light-skinned family.

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ASSIGNED TO this case, Mrs. R. S. Bruce, a social worker, expressed the department's willingness to provide this replacement 'service,' if it was so desired.

But, according to Director Raleigh C. Hobson, the idea of removing David from the Foreman home because of his color, did not originate with the welfare department.

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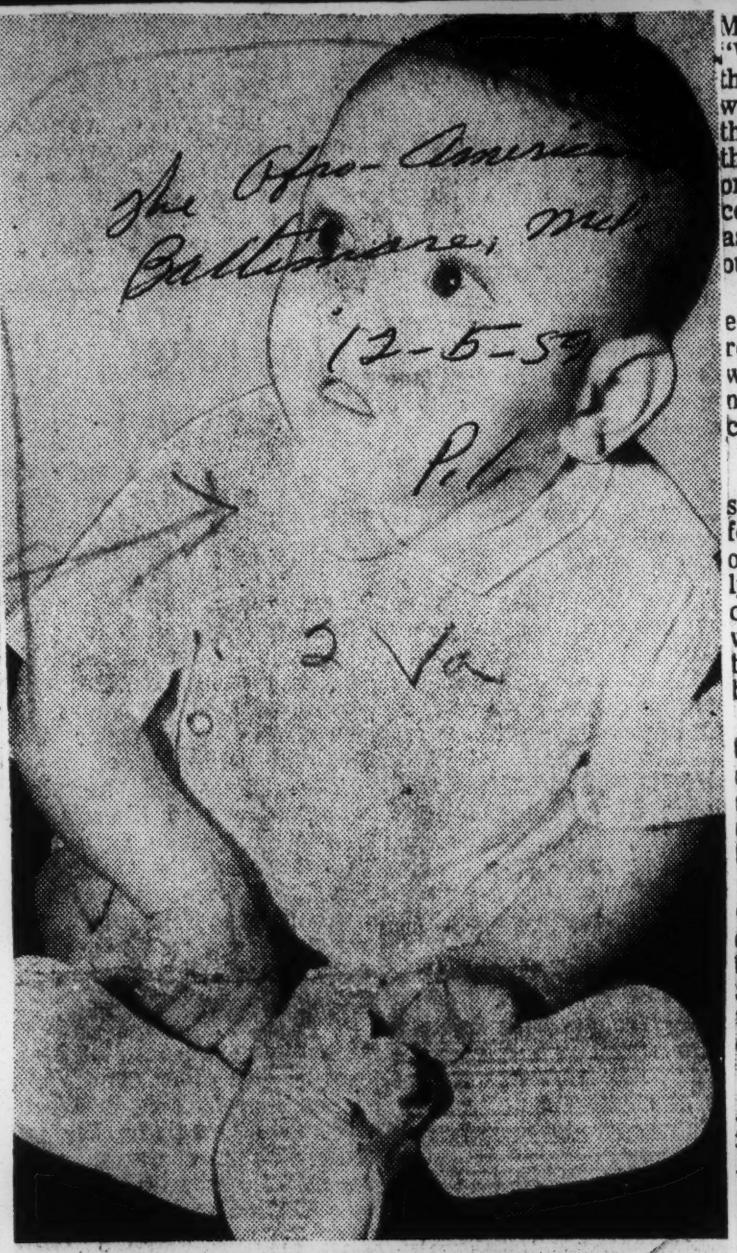
MR. HOBSON said this week that 'It was the aunt herself who first expressed concern about the baby's color. The family told us that people looked at them curiously when they took the baby out because he is so light. And that they were hoping that sunburn might make him appear darker.

"While we have no written policy on such a matter, Mrs. Bruce did the right thing when she offered the assistance of the department in finding another home for the child if his color caused the family concern.

"The aunt may have mistakenly understood this as a threat to take the baby away from her. But that was never the case. Why should we



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BABY DAVID A. ROWE
Richmond court gives him to aunt

want to place the child in a boarding home when he was already in a good home with relatives who love him?"

NEVERTHELESS, mistakenly or otherwise, Mrs. Foreman spent several uneasy months in fear that David would be removed from her loving care and placed for adoption by a lighter family.

After the situation attracted press and public attention, the aunt was showered with letters from well wishers near and far praying that she would be permitted to keep the child. She lives at 203 N. 6th Street.

Acting in the family's behalf when the case came up for court disposition last Tuesday was the noted civil rights champion, Attorney Howard H. Carwile.

With David gurgling happily, Mr. Carwile made a motion to Associate Judge Blake of the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court that his aunt be given full custody and control, thus relieving the welfare department of all responsibility and jurisdiction.

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SPEAKING FOR the department, Mrs. Bruce concurred in this recommendation, and the motion was granted.

The judge commented too that he thought the good home already provided by the baby's relatives was the best place for him.

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THE SOCIAL WORKER, Mrs. Bruce said later that "We have felt all along that the baby had a good home with Mrs. Foreman, that's the reason we placed him there. The matter of his color was not our major concern, and certainly was not as important as it was made out to be."

Director Hobson emphasized that "This does not represent a change of heart where we are concerned. We never forcibly remove a child for reasons of color.

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"I TAKE IT THAT such a situation has occurred before, and most likely, will occur again. And if the family feels uncomfortable because of the child's color, we'd do our best to render the service which is most beneficial to the child."

Mr. Forman pointed out that the welfare department often has the matter of color present a problem, particularly in placing children for adoption.

He cited one instance in which a light-skinned colored couple has had to wait two years in order to find an adoptive child suitable to them in color, as well as in other factors.

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THE AUNT'S PLEA for permission to keep baby David was bolstered by that of the child's mother.

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ATTORNEY CARWILE had read to the court a letter from the mother, a ward at the Barrett School for Girls in Peaks, Va. which said in part:

"I desire that my aunt, Mrs. Florence Foreman have custody and control over my baby. I know she is taking care of him well, and that other members of my family are helping her.

"I do not want the welfare department to take my baby from Mrs. Foreman and place him in a home of lighter complexion or in any other home. I do not want my baby to be adopted out to anyone.

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"MY AUNTS, parents and grandparents are taking care of this baby very good. I want my baby to stay exactly where it is until I am in a position to look after him myself."

Mrs. Foreman said that she would notify the girl during a visit to the institution on Sunday that her wishes had been granted.

Mr. Carwile maintains that segregation of the races is bad enough, but any attempt to also segregate the various colors within a race represents "the quintessence of stupidity."

Expressing her great love for the baby, Mrs. Foreman declared that "With the help of God, we will do all we can to bring him up the right way.

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"WE WILL TEACH HIM to accept the world as it is, and if and when that day comes when he asks the Big Question, I will answer it all the way.

"I want him to know the truth, so when he gets to be a man, once he's found it out, it won't hurt him. Truth is the light that shines, and I want it to always shine for me," she said.

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WAR BABIES

Report From Europe

By Ollie Stewart

6,000 New Brown Babies?

I can't vouch for how accurate a recent church report out of Germany may be, but for statistical purposes I think it's worth quoting. It gives as 6,000 the number of Brown Babies born in Germany since the end of the war!

"The biggest number, 1,500, were born in 1956," says the Protestant report. "A low of 215 was registered in 1951; but in the last few years an average of 600 per year has been maintained."

I wouldn't argue with these church people—they have access to records and I don't. But I still think the number of babies fathered by colored soldiers is greater than 6,000.

About 10 years ago, when I made a check with Red Cross and military officials, the number was something like 3,000, and the yearly average hasn't changed much since then.

THEY'LL HAVE citizenship, to be sure, and will be allowed to work after they finish school. But what kind of work? Will they be restricted to menial jobs, or will they be able to take over white collar and political posts that appeal to them?

The future of Germany itself is unsure. The problem of East and West Germany is one which at the moment is under scrutiny by the Russians and the Western Allies. When this is settled, then maybe somebody will have time to think about the Germans of color.

But from my experience, from talking with brown Germans who were born after the first world war, I don't expect the white supremacy boys in either East or West Germany to consider the rights of dark Germans—especially since Americans don't put themselves out to encourage equal treatment for any person who happens to these children that counts. A number of them have been adopted—but only a very small percentage. The rest are growing up as Germans, and from what I can gather from persons stationed in Germany, they aren't likely to have an easy time of it.

THE EXACT number, however, doesn't matter much. It's what happens to these children that counts. A number of them have been adopted—but only a very small percentage. The rest are growing up as Germans, and from what I can gather from persons stationed in Germany, they aren't likely to have an easy time of it.

Still and all, what happens to these children is nothing to what will happen when they become adult brown Germans.

Germany Faces Race Problems

Trouble For Children Of German Mothers, Negro Soldiers Evident

By DAVID M. NICHOL

From The Commercial Appeal-Chicago Daily News Service

BONN, Germany, Sept. 9.—West Germany may be on the verge of its own variety of color problem.

Next year for the first time some 1,500 youngsters who are the children of German mothers and Negro soldier fathers, many of them unknown, will complete their basic school course.

Dr. Klaus Eyferth of the University of Hamburg's Institute of Psychology warns that finding jobs may not be easy for these "mischlings," as the dark-skinned pupils are described here.

Does About Face

At a recent conference of social workers in Frankfurt, Dr. Eyferth said, a North German mayor of a West German city who showed great sympathy for the problem until it was suggested that he find a place for one of the next year's graduates.

"A man in my position couldn't permit anything like that," the mayor was quoted as saying.

In another instance, Dr. Eyferth said, a North German export-import firm with business in Africa and Asia had planned to employ some of the "occupation babies" and to train them as traveling representatives.

Protests among white employes of the firm were so strong that the plan was abandoned.

Opposition is strongest, Dr. Eyferth said, among the so-called "middle classes."

The 1,500 who will graduate next year were born in 1945-46 and are the first to finish their school course. Except for a bulge in 1953-54, following the heavy reinforcement of United States troops in Southern Germany, the number of such births has decreased each year.

6,000 Of Them

Altogether there are about 6,000 children of such mixed parentage in West Germany.

The majority have lived with their mothers, which Dr. Eyferth rates as a plus. On the other hand, he said, they have sometimes had a tough time in school, partly at least because of the prejudice of some teachers.

As a result, he said, very few will take advanced studies although testing programs have shown them to be no more and no less gifted than their school mates.